

**City of Fairfax
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB)
Meeting Minutes - February 26, 2014
City Hall**

PRAB Members Present: Jane Albro, Brian Knapp, Douglas Stewart, Esther Nasjleti, Harry Wilbur, Jeff Ferrell, Kirk Holley, Mike Slawski, Toby Sorensen , Bob Reinsel, Jennifer Passey

Members Absent: Zinta Rodgers-Rickert, Evie Infentides

Staff Present: Michael McCarty, Director of Parks & Recreation
Gregg Tonge, Parks Manager
Stacy Sanders, Special Projects Manager

Call to Order: Brian called the meeting to order at 7:02PM

Old Business:

- PRAB Award – Brian reviewed the award for the annual Outstanding Citizen to be awarded in June – Still looking for nominees
- Trails Sub-Committee Proposal – Esther introduced several motions to re-establish the trail sub-committee. Harry 2nd the motion and all approved. Esther, Bob and Toby were appointed to the sub -committee.
- Old Town Square – Michael gave update, 100% design document has been submitted, request for bids should be out in March, for April construction start date
- Strategic Master Plan –
 - Brian reviewed the schedule for Phase II, wants to continue with the outreach and coordination while we are awaiting the consultant’s report, urged members to attend upcoming meetings
 - Green Acres needs reviewed – imperative that GA survives until the City acquires another facility to be used as a true community center for indoor recreation – Toby reminded everyone that the School Board can take the facility back at any time and the City needs approval from School Board before they can sell it. Jane and Harry shared a detailed review of Green Acres issues from the PRAB Green Acres sub-committee
 - Van Dyck visit reviewed to see what was valued and needed at the park. Needs to be Master Planned.
 - Macro themes – Brian is asking “What are the 3 or 4 pillars or macro themes for the vision for our Strategic Plan?” This will be used to create a one page document that explains what is covered in the strategic plan book. Partnerships should be a priority. Urged members to come back next month with macro themes they would like to see as a theme.

New Business:

- Department Budget Submission – Michael gave and update on the Parks & Recreation budget for FY15

Parks & Recreation Department Report

- Ashby Pond trail construction - contractor will start mobilizing week of March 2nd. Construction should take 30-60 days.
- George Snyder trail – new trail to go from Plantation Parkway to new 7-11 store. Minor problem with new property owner not wanting trail to exit onto their property. Staff is working with the owner on a resolution.
- Public meeting upcoming for new Fairfax County community center near Vienna Metro station
- Environmental Sustainability Committee annual report reviewed
- Chocolate Lovers' Festival recap

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- November minutes - Ester reviewed corrections to be made, Bob made motion to adopt with corrections, Doug seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
- January minutes – Doug suggested minor correction, Bob made motion to adopt with correction, Jennifer seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Stakeholder Updates

- School Board – Toby Sorensen believes that having a teen representative to attend meetings is attainable. Toby also shared the presentation by Community Development and Planning about future demographics. PRAB requested staff to arrange a similar presentation in one of the upcoming meetings
- Planning Commission – Jennifer Passey announced that Joe Harmon appointed to Planning Commission. – Fairfax Circle plan was presented to Planning.
- Senior Center – Jane Albro, flea market on Saturday
- Community Appearance Committee – Kirk Holley, no update
- Commission of the Arts – Harry Wilbur, Cyclist in City Hall lobby will be installed on University Drive facing GMU – Public Art Policy has been adopted, getting into Public Art Procedures, urged members to attend Strategic Plan meeting
- NVRPA – Brian Knapp, no update

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:06

The next PRAB meeting will take place: Thursday, March 13, 2014

Minutes prepared by: Gregg Tonge, Parks Manager